JUMP START!

DEMON PRINCE PORO'S DIARIES

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A TASTE OF WHAT'S NEW IN JAPAN

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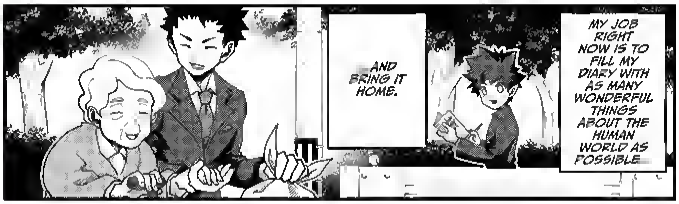
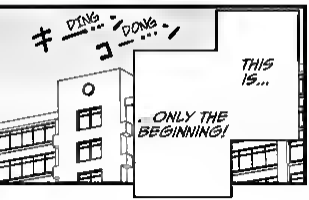
DON'T LOOK AT HIM. COME ON!
MOMMY, WHAT IS HE DOING UP THERE?
FOR WALKERS AND BICYCL
MY NAME IS PORO.
I'M THE DEMON PRINCE...
...AND I LOVE THE HUMAN WORLD.
TRAFFIC LIGHTS HERE GIVE TWO SIGNALS.
GO AND STOP. THAT'S HOW THEY KEEP TRAVELERS SAFE.
TRAFFIC LIGHT DEMON
PUTS TRAVELERS UNDER A SPELL TO CAUSE ACCIDENTS. TRAFFIC BREED RANKING: 11 TOTAL RANKING: 163
HEE-HAW!
THE DEMON WORLD WHERE I'M FROM IS DOMINATED BY BLOODTHIRSTY MANIACS.
WE HAVE THREE SIGNALS IN THE DEMON WORLD— HIT HIM, RUN HIM OVER, RUN HIM OVER AGAIN..
SWITCHING TO THESE TWO MIGHT HELP US CUT DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF CAR ACCIDENTS!

MUWA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
AT THIS RATE, IT'S LOOKING VERY LIKELY THAT I WILL BE THE NEXT DEMON KING.
SADLY, AS THE MOST POWERFUL DEMON, I MUST TAKE OVER THE THRONE IN A YEAR.
IF IT WAS UP TO ME, I WOULD LEAVE MY PAST BEHIND AND LIVE IN THIS DREAM LAND.

MY PLAN IS TO TRANSFORM THAT HELLHOLE I CALL HOME INTO A PLACE LIKE THIS WHEN I RETURN.
OH!
SO I'VE DECIDED TO DEDICATE MYSELF TO LEARNING ABOUT THIS WORLD.


AND BRING IT HOME.
MY JOB RIGHT NOW IS TO FILL MY DIARY WITH AS MANY WONDERFUL THINGS ABOUT THE HUMAN WORLD AS POSSIBLE.


DING
DONG
THIS IS...
...ONLY THE BEGINNING!

TEARS
BEAU-TIFUL!
EMPATHY SO HUMAN...
SCRIBBL
SCRIBBL

DON
YOU'RE LATE BY 30 SECONDS.
TIK-A, TIK-A, TIK-A.
DON
FORO KUROKAMI, CLASS 2-C.
*HALL MONITOR
TADASHI IWAO
CLASS 2-A, NO. 1
SCHOOL HALL MONITOR
HOBBY: COLLECTING WATCHES
DOOOM
YOU'RE EXPELLED.
GASP
WHAAAA?!

BEING LATE BY 30 SECONDS STILL COUNTS AS TARDY
JUST LIKE KILLING ONE PERSON BRANDS YOU A MURDERER
"YOU'RE PUTTING TARDINESS AND MURDER IN THE SAME BOAT?!"
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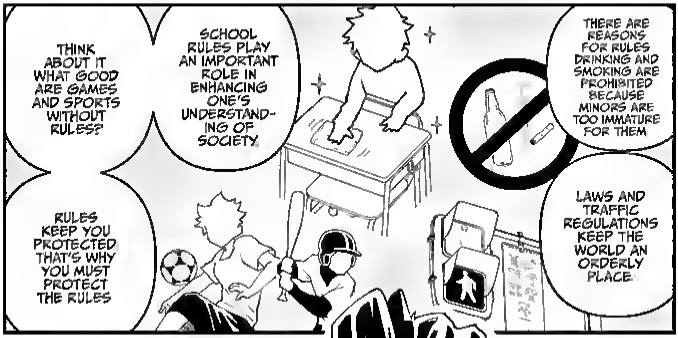
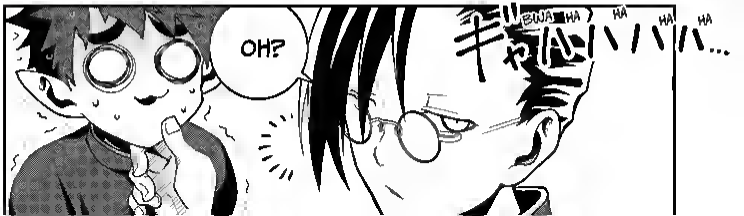
THOM THOM THOM THOM
W-WHY…?
BECAUSE YOU BROKE THE SCHOOL RULE
BUT I WAS ONLY A LITTLE BIT LATE…
DOESN'T MATTER HOW LONG
I NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED YOU HAD A VIOLENT STREAK FROM THE WAY YOU LOOK.
ギャハハ!!
MUWAHAHA
GUILTY AS CHARGED!!!
BAAH
ケルォ!!
オラァ!!
GAAH
BESIDES, YOU'VE BEEN WITNESSED VIOLATING MANY RULES.
DESTROYING THE CLASSROOM WALL, CRUSHING YOUR DESK, FIGHTING WITH OTHER STUDENTS, CLIMBING UP A UTILITY POLE.
SHIT
POOR THING
LOOK IWAO'S GOT PORO
THE DEMON PRINCE IS IN THE HUMAN WORLD
オキキ…
WOOO
SO THE RUMOR WAS TRUE.

BUT REMEMBER ...
クイッ…
FWIP
SINCE YOU'RE STILL NEW HERE, I WILL LET THIS ONE GO.

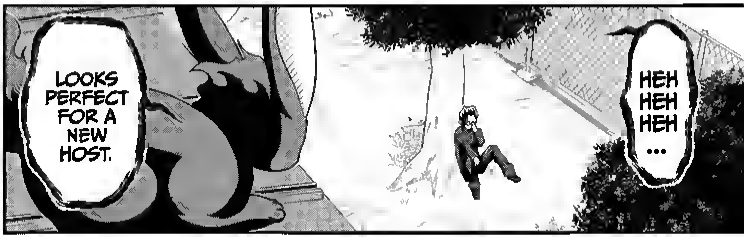

THINK ABOUT IT WHAT GOOD ARE GAMES AND SPORTS WITHOUT RULES?
SCHOOL RULES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ENHANCING ONE'S UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIETY.
THERE ARE REASONS FOR RULES DRINKING AND SMOKING ARE PROHIBITED BECAUSE MINORS ARE TOO IMMATURE FOR THEM
RULES KEEP YOU PROTECTED THAT'S WHY YOU MUST PROTECT THE RULES
LAWS AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS KEEP THE WORLD AN ORDERLY PLACE.

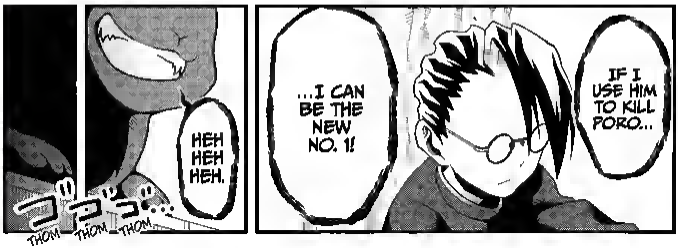
THOM
...I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO REMOVE YOU FROM THE SCHOOL.
IF YOU CANNOT RESPECT THAT...
RULES ARE NOT JUST FOR YOURSELF. THEY'RE FOR EVERYONE.


OH?
ギャハハハハハ...
BWAHA HA HA HA HA

YOU OVER THERE! THAT HAIR COLOR CANNOT BE TOLERATED!
TMP
TMP
YIKES. IT'S IWAO. LET'S GO!!
WAAH
WAAH
WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY ...?
SLUMP
SLUMP
HE'S FAR MORE THREATENING THAN DEMONS!
TRMBL
TRMBL
※THE MOST POWERFUL DEMON
TRMBL
TRMBL
STRICT ADHERENCE TO RULES IS VITAL.
BETTER WRITE IT DOWN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE
SCRITCH
SCRITCH
HEY, PUNCHING HIM IS...
SHUT UP!!
IT'S HIS FAULT FOR GETTING ON OUR CASES OVER LITTLE THINGS LIKE SMOKING AND HAIR COLOR!
WHAP
...
SST

KA-CHAK
スチャ…
THEY'RE HOPELESS …


HEH HEH HEH …
LOOKS PERFECT FOR A NEW HOST.


IF I USE HIM TO KILL PORO…
…I CAN BE THE NEW NO. 1!
HEH HEH HEH.
ゴゴゴ…
THOM THOM THOM

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?
WHO KNOWS —?
GIVES ME THE CREEPS.
ooo
ヒソ
PST
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PST
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PST

SOME NEW FASHION ACCESSORIES...?
I REALLY DON'T GET THE NEW KID...
NO WAY!
ARE THEY REAL?
THOSE ARE MUSHROOMS... RIGHT?
SOB SOB
EVIL MUSHROOM
PLANT BREED RANKING: 47
TOTAL RANKING: 4,041
THEY FEED ON DEPRESSED DEMONS. THEY TASTE AS GOOD AS ANY REGULAR MUSHROOMS.
※THE MORE DEPRESSED, THE FASTER THEY GROW!
I AM AN IDIOT...
TOO DEPRESSED TO WALK?
DING KIIN
DONG KOON
I TRAMPLED ON THE SCHOOL RULES...
I DON'T DESERVE TO BE HERE.
IS IT JUST ME, OR DO YOU KEEP GETTING HEAVIER BY THE MINUTE?
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT IWAO SAID? DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART.

I- I DON'T THINK THAT'S AN OPTION...
WHY DON'T YOU TELL HIM THE TRUTH? CLEAR THE AIR.
DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU.
THAT GUY'S TOO SERIOUS NOT EXACTLY A PEOPLE PERSON
UGH!
THUD

!
Dmm—b…
SLUMP
ズッ…
DRAG
ズル…
DRAG
ズル…
MISTER IWAO!
!
OH, LOOK WHO'S HERE.
DRAG
ズル…
DRAG
ズル…
YUTA HITO-YOSHI, Z-C.
PORO KURO-KAMI, Z-C, NO. 18.
GOING HOME?
Ah...
Ah...

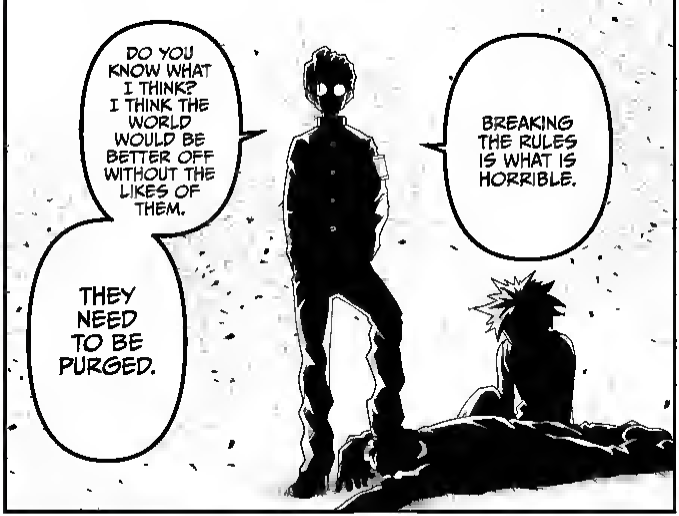
THESE TWO PIECES OF TRASH?
YOU MEAN...
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR...?

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU, MISTER IWAO?!
FSH
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HEY!
THUD

LESSON...

HORRIBLE?
YOU CALL THIS A LESSON? THIS IS HORRIBLE!

I TAUGHT THEM A LESSON.
SMOKING, DYEING THEIR HAIR. THEY'VE ALWAYS HAD TROUBLE ABIDING BY THE RULES.
TSUYOSHI SATO, 2-E, NO. 6.
RYU NAKAMURA, 2-E, NO. 16.
グリッ
STOMP


DO YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK? I THINK THE WORLD WOULD BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT THE LIKES OF THEM.
BREAKING THE RULES IS WHAT IS HORRIBLE.
THEY NEED TO BE PURGED.

STAND IN MY WAY...
WAIT ...!

WOOSH
...AND YOU WILL BE PURGED TOO.

DASH
WHA?!
WHOA!
THE STREET-- HOW DID HE--?!

AHHH!
MON-STER!!
止まれ
ガガガ!
!
BOOF
!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY THAT EASILY.
WOOSH
AHH!
EEEEEP!!

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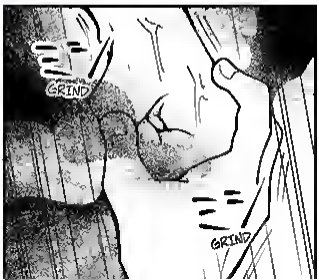
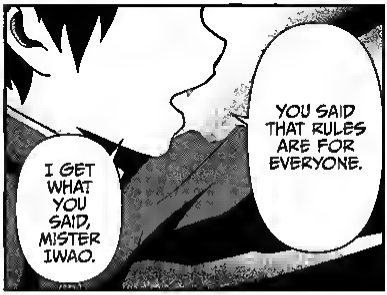
PUSH


GRIND
GRIND

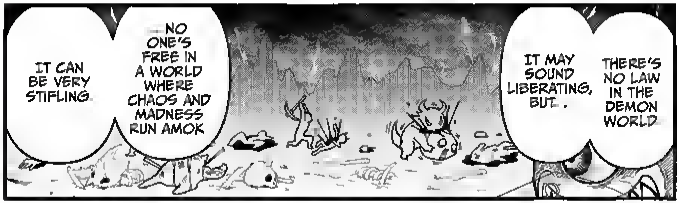
DOM

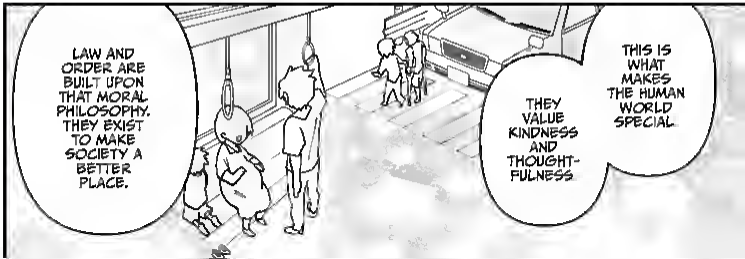
AHHHHHH!!
PORO!!
WOOOOO
I GET IT NOW ...
GRIP
GRIP
KURO-KAMI ...!
WHAT ... ARE YOU?!
YOU'RE NOT—
... MISTER IWAO.
?!
OOOOO

PERHAPS IT TOOK ADVANTAGE OF YOUR SINGLE-MINDEDNESS..
...TO TRY AND KILL ME
SOMETHING REALLY BAD LOCKED ITSELF INSIDE YOU WITHOUT YOU NOTICING.
YOU'VE BEEN POSSESSED.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

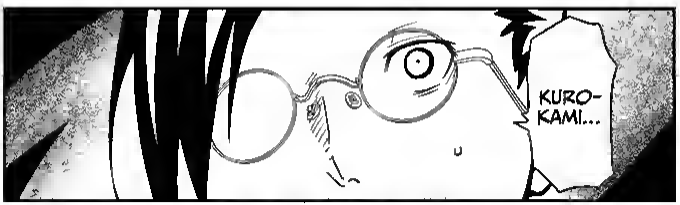

I GET WHAT YOU SAID, MISTER IWAO.
YOU SAID THAT RULES ARE FOR EVERYONE.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


IT CAN BE VERY STIFLING.
NO ONE'S FREE IN A WORLD WHERE CHAOS AND MADNESS RUN AMOK
IT MAY SOUND LIBERATING, BUT...
THERE'S NO LAW IN THE DEMON WORLD.


LAW AND ORDER ARE BUILT UPON THAT MORAL PHILOSOPHY. THEY EXIST TO MAKE SOCIETY A BETTER PLACE.
THEY VALUE KINDNESS AND THOUGHTFULNESS.
THIS IS WHAT MAKES THE HUMAN WORLD SPECIAL.

BUT TAKING RULES INTO YOUR OWN HANDS TO HARM PEOPLE?
NAH. MISTER IWAO ISN'T CAPABLE OF THAT.
THAT'S WHAT DEMONS DO.

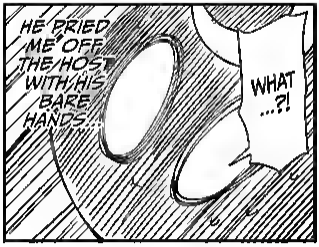

KURO-KAMI...

GRAB
LEAVE MISTER IWAO ALONE.

PORO

RIPP
PPP!

I MEAN, HE CAN DO THAT?!!


HE PRIED ME OFF THE HOST WITH HIS BARE HANDS...!!
WHAT ...?!

UGH!
THUD

WHAT'S THAT THING?

POSSESSIVE RABBIT.
IT'S HARMLESS ON ITS OWN, BUT...
...IT POISONS THE HOST'S MIND AND FEEDS [illegible] NEGATIVE ENERGY.
SO IT WAS YOU...
DOOM
HEH HEH HEH. YOU GOT ME.
POSSESSIVE RABBIT
ANIMAL BREED RANKING: 52
TOTAL RANKING: 3...
FAVORITE MOOD: MANEMOON
LONG TIME NO SEE, DEMON PRINCE PORO.

THOM
THOM
THOM
THOM
MISTER IWAO'S A RESPECTABLE PERSON. HOW COULD YOU PLAY WITH HIS SOUL?
WAIT!
MY BAD! I APOLOGIZE! YOU MUST FORGIVE ME! PLEASE?!

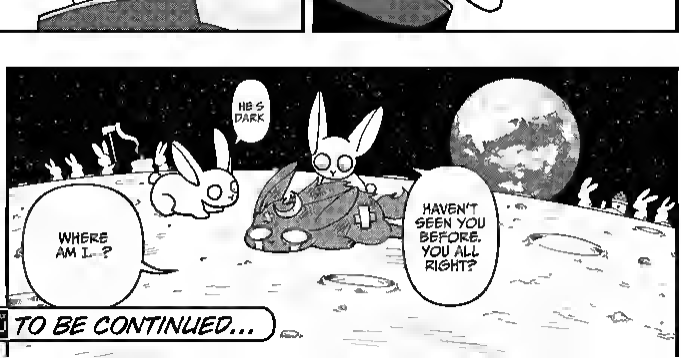
WOOOSH
I EXPECTED NOTHING LESS FROM SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T RESPECT THE RULES.
PRETENDING TO SURRENDER AND THEN LAUNCHING A SURPRISE ATTACK?
POOF
WHINE
PORO FORE-HEAD FLICK.
HEH HEH ...
WOOSH
JUST KID-DING!
I DON'T NEED A HOST TO KILL YOU.

DING DONG
UH-OH.
MURMUR
MURMUR
GLAD YOU LEARNED SOMETHING DO YOU MIND?
THE NEXT DAY...
I SEE! THIS RED BOX ALLOWS YOU TO REACH OUT AND COMMUNICATE WITHOUT MAGIC OR ELECTRICITY
INCREDIBLE!
POST
THOM
YOU NEED TO RUN AROUND SO FAST BECAUSE OF YOUR MISSION TO STUDY THE HUMAN WORLD UNDERSTANDABLE.
NOW TELL ME.
SO YOU COULDN'T KEEP YOUR DEMON POWERS IN CHECK. THAT EXPLAINS THE CRUSHED DESK AND BROKEN WALL.
THANKS FOR FILLING ME IN YESTERDAY.
A HECKLER
HEH HEH HEH. WHAT A DORK!
I GOT NOTHING...
WHAT IS YOUR DEMONIC EXCUSE FOR BEING LATE TWO DAYS IN A ROW?
8:31
CLAP
CLAP
PING

THAT'S WHAT DEMONS DO.
MISTER IWAO ISN'T CAPABLE OF THAT.

SO YOU'RE LATE A FEW MINUTES-- BIG DEAL.
CLUNK
OH WELL.

MISTER IWAO!
DON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN.
I WOULDN'T WANT TO BECOME SO OBSESSED WITH THE RULES THAT SOME DEMON TOOK ME OVER.


HE'S DARK
WHERE AM I...?
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU BEFORE. YOU ALL RIGHT?
TO BE CONTINUED...